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LILIES of the valley;
Magical bells of snow;
Many a chime of elfin rhyme
Has followed your swing I know;
And many a blithesome fairy
Swayed on your slender leaves,
While the bells were a-ringing, ringing,
Over their hidden eaves.

RING me some of your magic,

Borrowed of elfin art,

The silver strain and the sweet refrain.

That melt in the listening heart;

And the merry twinkle, twinkle,

Of steps that faster go,

As elves to a merry measure

Trip in the moon-tide glow.

If in your witching music

A charm more subtle still,

A tune more fine, more rare a line,

Than wakes to fairy will;

Lie silent, uninspired

Its spell of potency,

For soul to touch the keynote

Of exquisite harmony.

OH, then ring out! now yield you
All most high and sweet:
Most true and clear, most nobly dear,
For one so doubly meet.
Oh, flower-bells so dainty;
Lilies pure and fair;
For this her happy birthday,
Ring out! my greeting bear.

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